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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/578,358	FALLAIS ET AL.	
	Examiner William P. Fletcher III	Art Unit 1762	

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**Period for Reply**

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 May 2006.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-5, 11 and 15 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) 6-10 and 12-14 is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
     Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/5/06 & 7/21/06.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
     Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application  
 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

This application is a 371 of PCT/EP04/14020, published as WO 2005/059208 A1.

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. The preliminary amendment filed 5/5/2006 is noted and this action concerns claims 1-15 as amended therein.

### ***Priority***

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

3. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 5/5/2006 and 7/21/2006 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statements are being considered by the examiner.

### ***Specification***

The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

### ***Arrangement of the Specification***

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT.
- (e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC.
- (f) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

- (1) Field of the Invention.
- (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (g) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (h) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (i) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (j) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (l) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

***Claim Objections***

4. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: this claim should read "...(2) coating the metal sheet with a curable composition comprising a/an (meth)acrylated oligomer...". Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
6. Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

A. Claim2 recites: "...a cyclic anhydride responding to the general formula..." which renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear how the anhydride "responds" to the formula. The examiner has interpreted this claim as reciting "corresponding to the general formula."

B. The phrase "it being possible" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether what is "possible" is actually required by the claim.

C. Claim 3 is similarly rejected by virtue of its incorporation of this indefinite subject matter.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

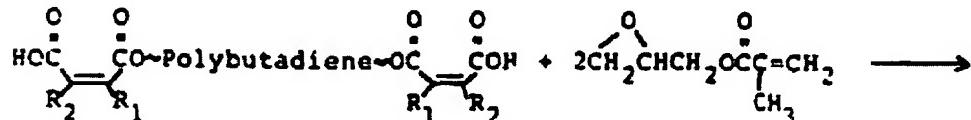
8. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

9. Claims 1-5, 11, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klingier (EP 0 261 890 A2) in view of Maddox et al. (US 2002/0132059 A1) and *vice versa*.

A. Klingier teaches applicant's claimed curable composition comprising a (meth)acrylated oligomer which is the reaction product of a carboxyl functionalized

polybutadiene comprising x equivalents of -COOH groups with y equivalents of one or more (meth)acrylated monoepoxides with  $y \geq x$ :

25 In the second step of the prepolymer synthesis the liquid polymeric hydrocarbon maleate is reacted with a reagent containing a (meth)acrylate group. In addition to providing reactive (meth)acrylate groups on the polymer, the reaction should also generate an active hydrogen containing group capable of undergoing maleation. For example, the polymeric hydrocarbon maleate formed in the first illustration supra, now containing carboxyl groups from the reaction of hydroxyl terminated polybutadienes and maleic anhydride, is meth(acrylated) by reacting the COOH groups on said prepolymer with, e.g., glycidyl methacrylate (1 mole per equivalent of COOH), with resultant generation of reactive hydroxyl groups:



An excess of epoxy compound can be used if desired. The excess epoxide may react with the hydroxyl groups formed by the initial reaction between the functionally terminated olefin addition polymer and the epoxy compound.

While this reference teaches that the radiation-curing composition may be a coating composition, it does not teach the claimed coil coating steps.

B. Maddox broadly teaches a process for applying various radiation-curing compositions to coiled sheet stock according to the coil coating steps claimed by applicant.

C. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the process of Klingier so as to apply the coating composition to the metal coil in the process of Maddox. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so by the desire and expectation of successfully applying a coating to the coil substrate.

D. In the alternative, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the process of Maddox so as to apply, as the radiation-curing composition,

the composition of Klingier. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated by the desire and expectation of applying, to the coil, a coating of superior tensile strength [see 2:23-28 of Klingier].

***Allowable Subject Matter***

10. Claims 6-10 and 12-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art neither teaches nor suggests the subject matter recited in these claims.

***Conclusion***

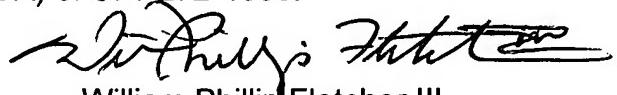
12. The prompt development of clear issues in the prosecution history requires that applicant's reply to this Office action be fully responsive (MPEP § 714.02). When filing an amendment, applicant should specifically point out the support for any amendment made to the disclosure, including new or amended claims (MPEP §§ 714.02 & 2163). A fully responsive reply to this Office action, if it includes new or amended claims, must therefore include an explicit citation (i.e., page number and line number) of that/those portion(s) of the original disclosure which applicant contends support(s) the new or amended limitation(s).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William P. Fletcher III whose telephone number is (571)

272-1419. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 0900h-1700h.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy H. Meeks can be reached on (571) 272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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